

5/4/09 - Monday, May 4, 2009

**EAU CLAIRE
LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

Meeting of May 4, 2009

Members Present: Jenny Ebert, Ken Ziehr, Katrinka Bourne, Bob Von Haden, Sue Nelson, Ken Fulgione

Members Absent: John Mann,

Minutes. The minutes of the April 6, 2009 meeting were approved as written.

1. Discussion and Consideration of Status of Third Ward Historic Landmark District.

Pat Ivory informed the Commission that he would be attending the May 14th meeting of the Third Ward Neighborhood Association Steering Committee to discuss the local landmark designation of the Third Ward National Register Expansion District and opted out properties. Stan Carpenter, President of the Association also has asked Pat to prepare an article for their neighborhood newsletter that would discuss the topic.

The Commission also discussed scheduling an informational meeting and inviting the property owners located in the portion of the Third Ward National Register Expansion District to discuss the benefits of local designation. This informational meeting would be similar to that held last fall for those property owners that opted out of the local district. The Commission suggested that this meeting be scheduled for late May or early June and that the Commission would then discuss scheduling a public hearing to consider the designation, possibly in September.

The Commission also discussed the update of the historic district plan. Pat asked the Commission to review the houses that would be added to the district from that National Register Expansion District and determine which properties would be>

ACTION TAKEN: Ken Ziehr moved that the Commission schedule an informational meeting and invite property owners within the expanded Third Ward National Register District to discuss the benefits of local landmark designation and that the Commission would then discuss scheduling a public hearing based on input from the informational meeting. Ken Fulgione seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.

2. Update on Landmark Activities and Properties.

A. Discussion of 602 Water Street. Mr. Charles Vanden Breul was present at the meeting to discuss a possible timeframe for opening up the front façade of his property at 602 Water Street (Ottawa House) where the front windows have been covered with wood. Mr. Vanden Breul also discussed estimates costs for the work. He stated that plate glass windows would cost approximately \$400 for each of the two windows. Tempered glass windows would be approximately \$500 per unit and \$575 for œuv window units. These costs include materials and installation.

He noted that he would prefer to be able to finish the interior alterations that he has been working on and then undertake the work on the front exterior and windows. He hoped to finish the interior work this year and felt that the summer of 2010 would be a reasonable goal for working on opening up the front of the building. It was noted that this would also provide additional time for the completion of other improvements that are occurring within the block to the west.

The Commission added that this timeframe would also be consistent with the grant submission schedule of the Historic Preservation Foundation, which awards small grants in the spring of each year and that other funding options such as DECI™s Façade Loan Program and Code Compliance Loan Program should be explored.

Mr. Vanden Breul again noted concerns regarding potential vandalism with the breakage of the storefront windows. He added that lighting is poor along this block of Water Street and police surveillance is not as intensive as within the 300 and 400 blocks of Water Street. He added that he would like to see a change in the on-street parking regulations that would provide similar regulations as within the 300, 400, and 500 blocks of Water Street relating to late night parking.

The Commission thanked Mr. Vanden Breul for preparing the cost estimates and developing a timeframe for making the changes. Ken Ziehr added that the Commission and Mr. Vander Breul maintain regular communication regarding the status and progress of the work.

B. Discussion Regarding Preservation Month. Jenny Ebert indicated that she had contacted Gary Johnson from the Leader Telegram regarding the article for Preservation Week, but that she had not heard back from him in several weeks. Jenny stated that she would contact him again. The Commission also suggested that Jenny forward the article to the Third Ward and Randall Park Neighborhoods to see if it could be included in their newsletters.

The Commission noted that HPF house hunt contest was in the newspaper over the weekend. The theme of the contest relates to residential buildings within the Third Ward and Randall Park neighborhoods.

C. 2009 CLG Grant. Pat Ivory informed the Commission that the City received the formal CLG grant agreement, which will be reviewed by the City Council next week. Pat noted that the State Historical Society has stated that the initial portion of the grant funds will be used to conduct the Intensive Historic Surveys for the Eastside Hill Neighborhood and the neighborhood located to the northwest of Platt Street and First Street. If grant funds remain upon hiring a consultant, these remaining funds would be used to prepare the determinations of National Register eligibility for Rod and Gun Park and the cemetery building outlined in the grant

agreement. Pat noted that if the majority of the grant funds are allocated to the two Intensive Surveys, that the Commission could consider utilizing funds from their budget to have the determinations of eligibility completed.

D. Upcoming Workshops. Jenny Ebert and Pat Ivory provided overviews of workshops that they had recently attended.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned a 5:50 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sue Nelson, Secretary